

BACKGROUND

Geneva agreement regarding Laos provides:

1. Regroupment of Pathet Lao forces  
in two northern provinces.
2. Free access between the two provinces  
in a corridor bordered in the  
north by the Laos-Vietnam border.  
Southern boundry not specified.
3. Reintegration of Pathets into  
"national life" of Laos through  
negotiations.
4. General elections in 1955.
5. Communist participation in the  
administration of regroupment  
zones pending the elections.
6. Establishment of mixed Commissions  
to handle regroupment.
7. Establishment of an ICC team for  
Laos to oversee implementation  
of truce.

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8. Placed obstacles in way of  
military alliances, banned foreign  
bases other than existing French  
bases, limited foreign aid of all  
kinds.

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